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METHOD "

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 6,370,430
- AB United States Patent No. 6,070,100
- AC United States Patent No. 5,720,768
- AD U. S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0082650
- AL European Application 1 123 716
- AU "Inhibition of Biventricular Pacing by Far-Field Left Atrial Activity Sensing: Case Report," Oguz, PACE, Vol. 25, No. 10 (October 2002) pages 1517-1519.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AB and AC were identified and discussed in the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

References AA, AD, AL and AU were cited in a Search Report rendered by the Swedish Patent Office during examination of the counterpart Swedish application. A copy of the Swedish Search Report is submitted herewith. All of these references were cited in Category "A" as general technological background information.

Copies of each of the above References together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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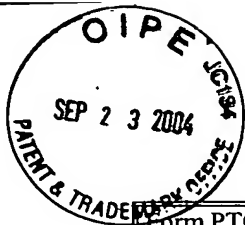
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